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## PETER BERLE VISITS ST. LOUIS

Peter Berle, the president of the National Audubon Society, was in St. Louis recently. He toured the facilities of the Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project, as well as our Education Center. Later the president spoke about the fiscal belt-tightening that occurred in the national organization about the time he came into office in 1985.

Over the years the national organization had been operating on funds from a large bequest. During that time they were spending about \$1 million more than income, but new receipts did not materialize to cover the imbalance. Therefore painful but necessary budget cuts were implemented.

On the positive side, the national organization has reentered the education field with Audubon Adventures. With this entry, Audubon aspires to bring the level of environmental awareness to the point where a James Watt could not be appointed.

Also discussed were the two major publications: Audubon Magazine and Audubon Activist. They are seeking to increase subscriptions to the Activist though it is not advertised as much.

Plastic wrappings around the Audubon Magazine were discussed. Since the magazine goes to press more than a month prior to mailing, timely inserts are made possible by last minute additions to the bag. The full cover picture can also remain unmarked by putting the mailing label on the bag. Biodegradable materials have been investigated. And in fact, the November issue was mailed in a poly bag which has been made with CORNSTARCH!

There is a renewed focus on global issues. National Audubon has one full time employee dedicated to the issue of overpopulation. They are working toward a time when foreign aid monies will be affected to countries which do not have population policies. Global warming, wetlands preservation and endangered species were other issues mentioned as receiving priority treatment from the National Audubon Society office.

## THE AUDUBON SOCIETY OF MISSOURI

Any individual who is a member of National Audubon Society and therefore the St. Louis Audubon Society can become an affiliate member to the Audubon Society of Missouri for \$5.00. Membership includes a subscription to The Bluebird.

Membership has to be made through the St. Louis Audubon Society Treasurer:  
Mary Lou Miller  
St. Louis Audubon Society  
3927 Lucas & Hunt Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63121

Please make check out to The Audubon Society of Missouri.

## PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION HAS A NEW MEETING PLACE

It is at the Oakbranch Library off of Big Bend and Hiway 44. Meetings will be held the first Monday of the month beginning in 1989, except January and April. No meeting in January.

## THE NEW BUZZ-WORD IS CORNSTARCH

It's shouldn't be surprising, in this rocket age we now live in, that somethings may not be what they seem.

Case in point are the new Enviro-Mate™ plastic bags that Schnucks offers at the checkout. These bags, while they may look offensive, and polluting, are in fact much less enviromentally destructive than all the wood pulp processing involved with the paper bags.

We should applaud Schnucks for their efforts. We should also put the pressure on both the grocery industry and the retail trade to get with the program. It has taken me a while to unlearn the "paper please" at the end of the checkout lane. But that's just what I'm doing. As we near the end of this century things have indeed changed. But, given the acceleration of our technology, as we near the end of this decade, things haven't changed enough.

## OUTDOORS CLUB BUILDS TRAIL

On Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13 the Outdoors Club from St. Louis Community College Meramec stayed at the Audubon Education Center. With the help of Jerry Miller they put in the newest trail from the bridge in the ravine to the south making a loop. The members spent the night at the center and enjoyed meals prepared there. The group included Betty Camp, Nate Perry, Hildy Pinkston, Maria Pinkston, Jonathan Pinkston, Carolyn Rangel, Johnnie Travis, Kimberly Richardson and Steve Frazer. We are please this group chose our center for their service project this year. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who worked so hard.

## AUDUBON COUNCIL NEWS

The Audubon Council of Missouri met in August and elected officers for the year: Mike McKenzie of St. Joseph, President; Jim Jackson of Marthasville, Vice President; Eugenia Larson of St. Louis, Secretary; and Randy Washburn of Jefferson City, Treasurer.

Delegates and alternates to the Audubon Council of Missouri were chosen as follows:

### Delegates

Paul Bauer  
Katherine Chambers  
Eugenia Larson  
Marshall Magner

### Alternates

Jim Campbell  
Karen Haller  
Bill Salsgiver  
Blaine Ulmer

## SHORT TAKES

Katherine Chambers reports that the Audubon Education Center hosting committee has now increase to 10 members with the addition of these couples: Dennis and Vi Pinkerton; Ron and Peggy Krash; and John and Marilyn Martin.

Bird feeders have been kept full. Laverne Koyne has added a chair and couch to the center.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**EAGLE DAYS SCHEDULE**

**NO REGISTRATION THIS YEAR**

**[ARRIVE EARLY TO AVOID THE RUSH AND FOR THE BEST VIEWING.]**

DECEMBER 3-4	SQUAW CREEK NWR (NEAR MOUND CITY)
JANUARY 14-15	MINGO NWR (OUTSIDE PUXICO)
JANUARY 21-22	SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE (AT LAKE OZARK)
*JANUARY 28-29	APPLESHED THEATER (IN CLARKVILLE) * [CONTACT JERRY MILLER TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS AUDUBON EAGLE DAYS]

DEC. 2 FRIDAY	Local Slide Program. Webster Groves Christian Church 8:00 P.M. Walter Liddell will give a program on <b>AUSTRALIA</b> . Also a report by Andy Duggan, one of this year's camp scholarship winners, on his experience at the Introductory Field Ecology for Educators in Connecticut.
DEC. 11 SUNDAY	Monthly Open House at the Education Center. 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. Program at 1:30 p.m.  <b>"WILDFLOWERS: THE GEOLOGICAL CONNECTION".</b> Carol Sutherland brightens our winter afternoon with colorful slides and speech regarding rocks and wildflowers. Indoors.
DEC. 20 TUESDAY	<b>Photography section Meeting.</b> 7:45 p.m. at the Boatmen's Bank Auditorium. 75 West Lockwood, Webster Groves. <b>Photographing in Yellowstone Park in Winter.</b> Award winning photographer Ernst Stadler details the experience and illustrates it with some exceptional photography. <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> THE PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION HAS A NEW MEETING TIME AND PLACE FOR 1989. See details in the bulletin.
JANUARY 7 SATURDAY	8:00 a.m. Saturday birding walks for beginners at Busch Wildlife Area. Meet at Knight's Lake parking lot approx. 0.2 miles west of Busch HQ parking. Bring binoculars, lunch, beverage. To get there: Take 40 west across the Missouri river, south on 94 to D, turn right for 1 mile to the HQ.

- JAN. 8  
SUNDAY      Monthly Open House at the Education Center:  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. No scheduled program, but come  
out and enjoy the day.
- JAN. 21  
SATURDAY      GULL DAYS Call Paul Bauer for information about this  
event. 931-3972
- JAN 27  
FRIDAY      FILM ADVENTURE SERIES. Autumn Odyssey by Thomas  
Sterling. Webster Groves Christian Church, 8:00 p.m.
- FEB. 4  
SATURDAY      8:00 a.m. Saturday birding walks for beginners. See  
January 7 for more details.
- Feb. 11  
SUNDAY      Monthly Open House at the Education Center.  
10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. No scheduled program this month.  
  
HOWEVER!.... HERE IS ANOTHER GULL DAY. CALL PAUL BAUER  
FOR MORE INFORMATION 921-3972
- MARCH 4  
SATURDAY      8:00 a.m. Saturday birding walks for beginners. At  
Busch Wildlife Area. See January 7 for details.
- MARCH 12  
SUNDAY      Education Center monthly Open House. 10:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Program begins at 1:30 p.m. Bill Summers: "Edible  
Spring Greens" an illustrated 35 mm slide show plus a  
walk around the grounds to identify the actual plants.
- MAR 17  
FRIDAY      FILM ADVENTURE SERIES. By Dick Massey.  
Nature Along the Mexican Border. Webster Groves  
Christian Church. 8:00 p.m.
- MARCH 18  
SATURDAY      WATERFOWL WATCH A spring migration time. Held at  
Raccoon Ranch. 8:00 a.m. Leaders: Cis and Charlie  
Hager (ph. 938-5586). To get there enter St. Charles  
by way of the old bridge via the St. Charles Rock Rd.  
Turn right off the bridge onto 94. Follow 94 out of  
town and travel approx. 12 miles to Reese Rd. Turn  
left and go straight to the ranch. Bring your  
binoculars, lunch and dress for the weather.
- APRIL 1  
SATURDAY      8:00 a.m. Saturday birding walks at Busch Wildlife  
Area. For details see January 7.
- APRIL 7  
FRIDAY      FILM ADVENTURE SERIES. Yellowstone by Dale  
Johnson. Webster Groves Christian Church. 8:00 p.m.
- APRIL 9  
SUNDAY      Monthly Education Center Open House. 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Program at 1:30 p.m. Donna Ford ... recently returned  
from her Missouri Botanical Garden study in Chile,  
presents Chile.. Land of the Calandrinia". Come and  
learn what a calandrinia really is. See it pictured on  
35 mm slides before your very eyes.
- APRIL 24  
MONDAY      ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET DATE Mark your calendars  
and save that day for another exciting evening. The  
program committee is working towards a great event to  
be announced soon.